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To the Members of the Class of 1983

by

D. Garen Simmons

President of Piedmont College

Congratulations to the class of 1983. As the eighty-sixth class to graduate from Piedmont College since 1897, you are unique.

We most frequently think of the traditional students among you, those who graduated in the high school class of 1979 and entered college in September of that year. Your class, however, is not a homogenous group in that it contains a number of older students. Some are completing interrupted educational careers; many are women with families and other responsibilities; some are changing careers; some are obtaining an additional degree; some joined your class to satisfy intellectual curiosity and others for the pure pleasure of learning. This diversity makes your class both unique and strong.

The rapidly changing conditions of the 1980's added to the uniqueness of your class for these years spanned the most serious economic recession in the second half of the twentieth century. In some ways, that recession was not as severe as that of the 1930's; while in other ways, it was worse. It certainly was different. Although personal and family hardships were not always apparent, they were real, and they influenced those earning a college education.

It often has been said that hard times make hard people. I would hope that you, the members of the class of 1983, are intensly motivated, self-relient and resilient. But I trust that hard times have not made you insensitive to the needs of others. I have faith that you will follow the Piedmont tradition of assisting others as many of you have been assisted along the way. You are intelligent, diligent, ethicly and spiritually strong, compassionate, and a credit to your families, your communities, and your nations. While making a living and full rewarding life for yourself, I am confident that you will continue to show Christian compassion and, in the years ahead, know the joy of helping others. That joy was expressed very appropriately by one of your contemporaries with the following simple but profound truth: "When you row another fellow across the stream, you get there yourself."

In Appreciation





To all those who gave their time, effort, and support we would like to extend our deepest gratitude.

Thank you, The Yonahian Staff





Dedicated to Dr. Mary L. Griggs

Dr. Mary Lillie Griggs, retired Professor of Mathematics, Piedmont College passed away this past Sept. 12 after 35 years of service to education.

Dr. Griggs was born August 29, 1913 to the late Joseph H. Griggs and Lillie Kimmy Griggs who moved to Demorest when Dr. Griggs was six years old. She attended elementary and high school in Demorest before graduating from Piedmont College. A.B. Magna cum Laude 1932. In 1933 she earned her Master's degree and in 1971 the Ed.S. degree in Mathematics at the University of Georgia. In 1972, Piedmont College awarded her the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Education.

During her twenty years as Chairman of Mathematics at Piedmont College, she was one of the most beloved of teachers. She was also a strong force on the faculty, serving on many important committees of the College. These included the Academic Affairs Committee, Self Study Financial Resource Committee, Self Study Steering Committee, and the Faculty Social Committee. Extra academic responsibilities were advisor for the Gamma Chi Society, the Torch Club and the National Honorary Scholarship Society, Alpha Chi.

Professionally, Dr. Griggs was a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Mathematical Association of America. the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Alpha Gamma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, in which she held various offices, and Phi Kappa Phi.

For those of us who knew Dr. Griggs she will be sorely missed and always have a place in our hearts.









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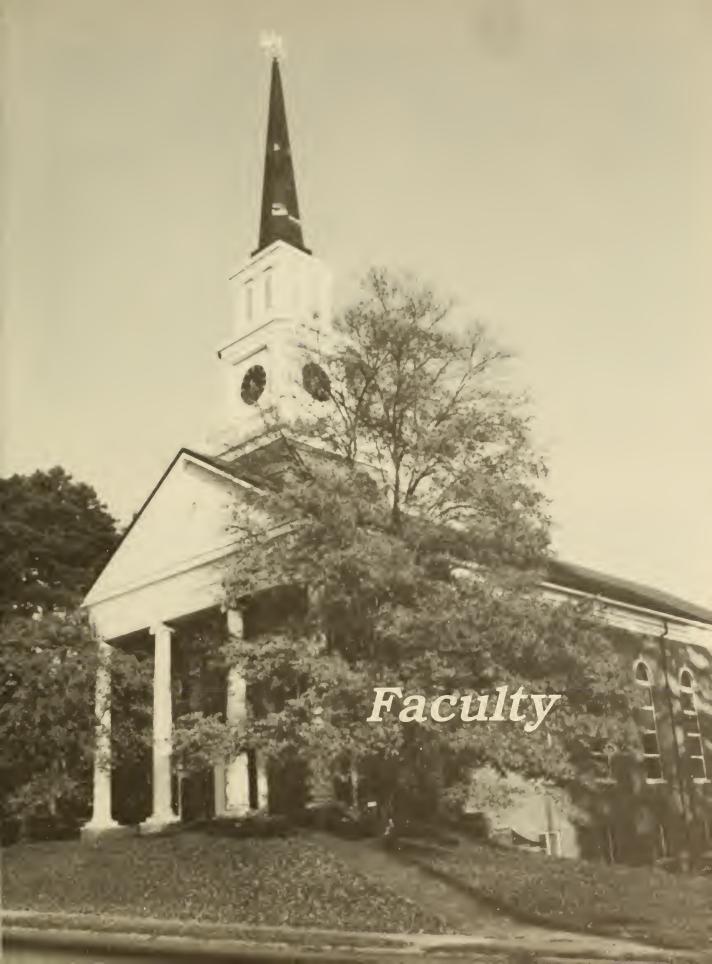
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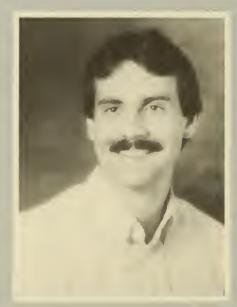
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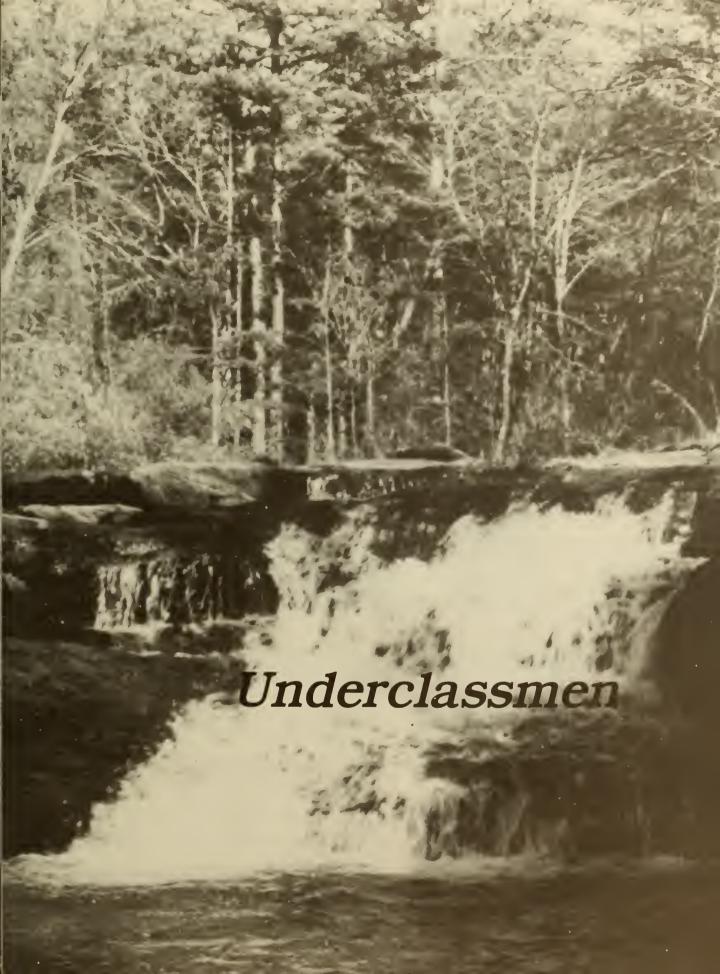












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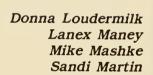
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Playing for Position





"It's like this ... "



Thrift Shop special



Did everything come out all right?





All work and no play



The only way to study



"Come from a land down under"



Piedmont Sex Symbol?









Chow time









R.V. is just a swinging.





Tomorrow the walls!











Final results



Before I go, are there any questions?



You've got to be kidding!





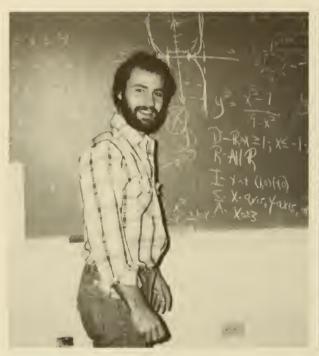












He thinks he has Ryder fooled.



Thou shall not show leg in the Lions Den!



Boy are you going to feel a pint low!



Guilty until proven innocent.





Homecoming
1983

Homecoming queen Denise Elrod







Jeressa Blalock escorted by Ricky Blalock



Donna Loudermilk escorted by Eddie Smith



Lanite Shirley escorted by Darrell Beckman



Jane Glass escorted by Jess Mitchell



Pam Hughes escorted by Jim Akins



Carey Kolloch escorted by Gus Hawkins

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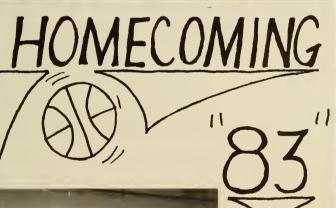
























Another girl caught!









It's 5:30 a.m. do you know where Palma Tar is?

















Beat that Todd









Whitney M. Nixon













Shut up Marvin! I didn't start it.

Eat your heart out Sledge.



I can't stand all this excitement!







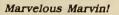














Dewitt, don't sit there, help John!

















Choir and Band

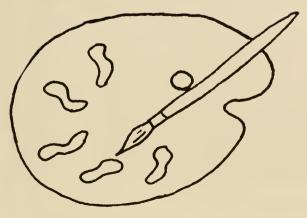


Front Row: Whitney Ledbetter, Robert Scott, Sam Rice, Todd McKey, Rob Kiker, Aki Ishikawa. Back Row: Pam Smisson, Jan Barnett, Lynndy Wynn, Pat Copeland, Laurencia Santamaria, Pam Busha.



Gail Ritcey
Cathy Nix
Pam Smisson
Bobby Scott
Dr. Melichamp





Art League



Standing: Betty Burton, Bobby Scott, Todd McKey, Doug King, Mr. Nolan Nix - advisor. Sitting: Pat Copeland, Sherry Clegg, Laurencia Santamaria, Linda Church, Gail Ritcey, Pam Busha



Front Row: Betty Burton, Nancy Scott, Elaine Watson, Mrs. Dorothy Read, Dr. P. Iloff advisor. Back Row: Roger Whitmire, Ah Haut Lai, Dr. D. Ryder advisor, Dr. R. Singer advisor, David Benfield.

Alpha Chi











Chemistry













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Christmas Show 1982

















Special Services











International Students

















Sports





1982-83 Piedmont Lions



Darryl Edwards, Dennis Trimble, Joe Watkins, Marvin Hudson. Back Row: Scott Skinner, Brent Wood, John Pierce, Reginald Copeland, Freddie Beagles, Paul Kiersnowski, Paul Poole, Coach Cave.

















1982-83 Piedmont Lady Lions

EDMONT COLLEGE



Mike Mashke, Lanita Shirly, Sonya Rousey, Annette Colwell, Jill Brownlow, Debbie Bryson, Karen Morgan, Jeanette Harris. Back Row: Scott Whitlock, Kim Bowen, Donna Stevenson, Kelleye Hyer, Daron Mitchell, Sonya Thomas, Anita Blickenderfer, Joan Wade, Duwayne Keller

















Piedmont Baseball '83



Dwain Brown, Dean Moody, Marvin Hudson, Randy Tench, Scott Sawyer, Joel Desquin, Keith Byrd, Ron Bennett, Tony Wolfe, Allen Walker. Back Row: Coach Duncan, Pat Gunter, Roy Quilliam, Jeff Wolfe, Phil Dixon, Rusty Baker, Scott Cleveland, Randy Vann, Mickey Thomas.





Seventh inning stretch

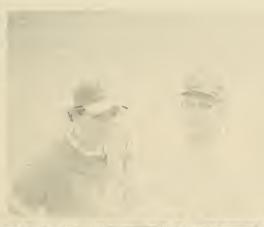














Piedmont Track



L to R: Dennis Trimble, Paul Kiersnowski, Reggie Copeland, Melvin Hinton, Randy Vann, Gary Wilcox, Deloris Addison, Joey Cochran, Coach Jacobs.





Piedmont Tennis



Coach "Buzz" Singer, Paul Mannikko, Karen Greba.



Mike Lawson

Not Pictured: Reynaldo Pol

Sports Awards



All Conference Baseball - Coach Clarence Duncan, Scott Cleveland, Ronny Bennett, Randy Vann



Jeanette Harris - All American, District 25 Team Basketball

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Officals: Brent Wood, Joe Watkins, Paul Kiersnowski, Sonya Thomas



Rebels: David Roberts, Ronnie Royston, Robbie Weber, Dan Hilsman, Rusty Baker, Cindy Wicks



Misfits: Dale Fleming, Scott Cleveland, Brent Morris, Daron Sledge, Jane Timms, Todd McKey



Poney Express: Joel Desquin, Keith Byrd, Phil Dixon, Scott Sawyer, Joey Cochran



???: Scott Whitlock, Tracy Bales, Scott Skinner and others













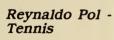


Top to bottom: Lisa Ivester, Kellie Gilbert, Tammie Dobbs, Alicia Simmons, Jane Glass, Kathy LaCount, Sherry Hudson, Gina Duncan

Senior Players



Keith Byrd, Randy Vann, Ronnie Royston - Baseball







Lanita Shirley - Basketball



Brett Wood - Basketball 95















ANOTHER PINT &













Giving blood has a certain smell.









HEAD RUSH!!!



The Way



Melanie Millican Freshman



Brenda Mizell Senior



Kelleye Hyer Freshman



Jane Timms Senior

We Were



Palma Tar Sophomore



Scott Cleveland Junior



Debbie Bryson Freshman



















































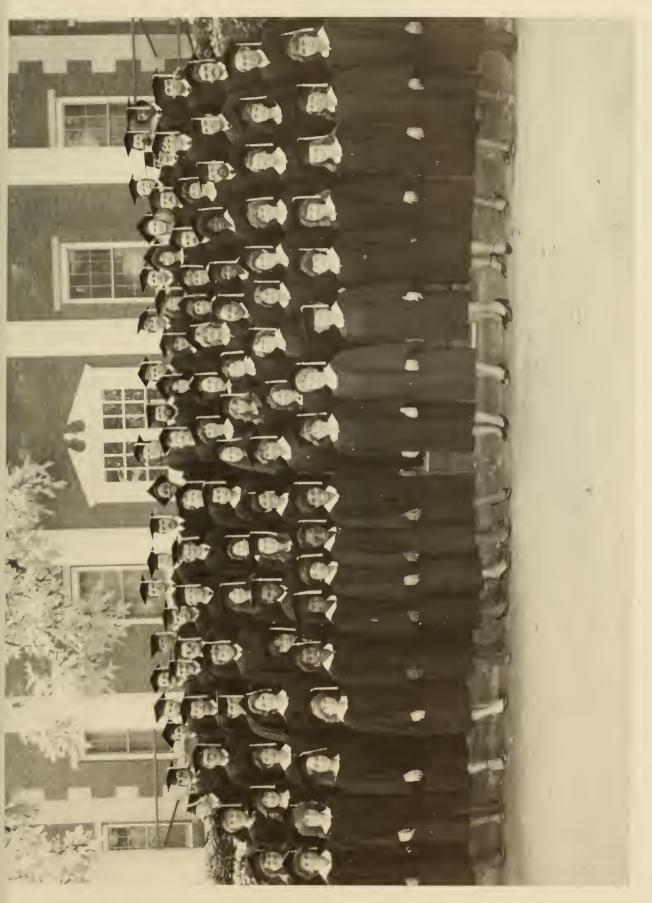














A Celebration of Life

In Memory of David Lamar Rice 1962-82

He was a happy and healthy young man, twenty years of age, and enrolled as a member of the entering freshman class of September 1982. His enthusiasm for life and his thoughtfulness of others were experienced by Mrs. Walter and myself over several years of travel in Florida as we enjoyed the hospitality of his warmhearted family in the parsonage of the Community Church of Vero Beach. We looked forward eagerly to having him as a student on our campus.

Then just two weeks before registration came the shocking telephone call from his father, Dr. G. Julius Rice, saying "David will not be coming to college this fall. He was killed by a bullet from the gun of a stranger in a parking lot."

Later came a letter from David's family saying,

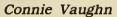
"This is a difficult letter to write because of a sadness and heartbreak we must share. Our younger son, David, was shot and killed about 1:30 A.M. Saturday, August 28th. David and two friends had left a lounge to come home. Just as they reached the car in the parking lot, three men in their early thirties jumped them. David and his friends had never seen them before. Suddenly one of them drew a pistol and shot David and his two friends. David died instantly."

The letter bravely concludes: "We must now go on with God's help and give thanks for every day God gives us to live." All of us who knew David in the flesh will always remember him as a buoyant, eager, and able young man. The tragedy of his loss we all mourn. Likewise, we feel a greater responsibility to remember and strengthen "all that is good and right and true and of good report."

James E. Walter

Best Wishes From The Office Of The President







President Simmons



Gwen Ivester

WISDOM AND WIT FROM FELLOW STUDENTS

He who laughs, last.

Give him an inch and find out his angle.

Friendship cannot be bought but must be paid for, in installments.

I think, therefore I must be around here somewhere.

All that glitters is not gold, though it may be selling for the same price.

Old dogs may have tricks to teach.

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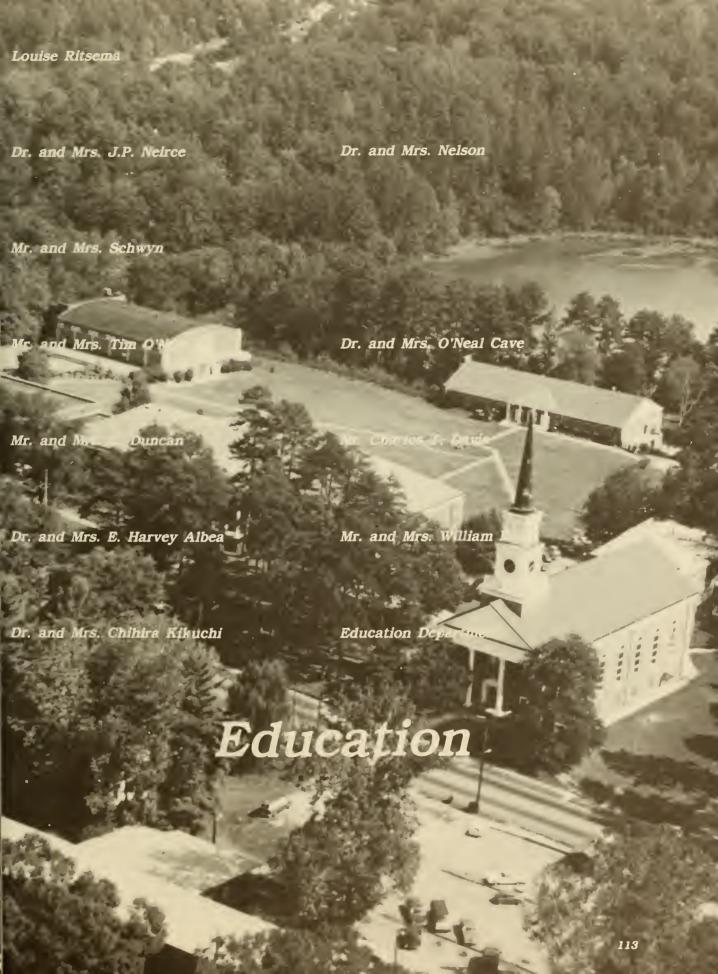
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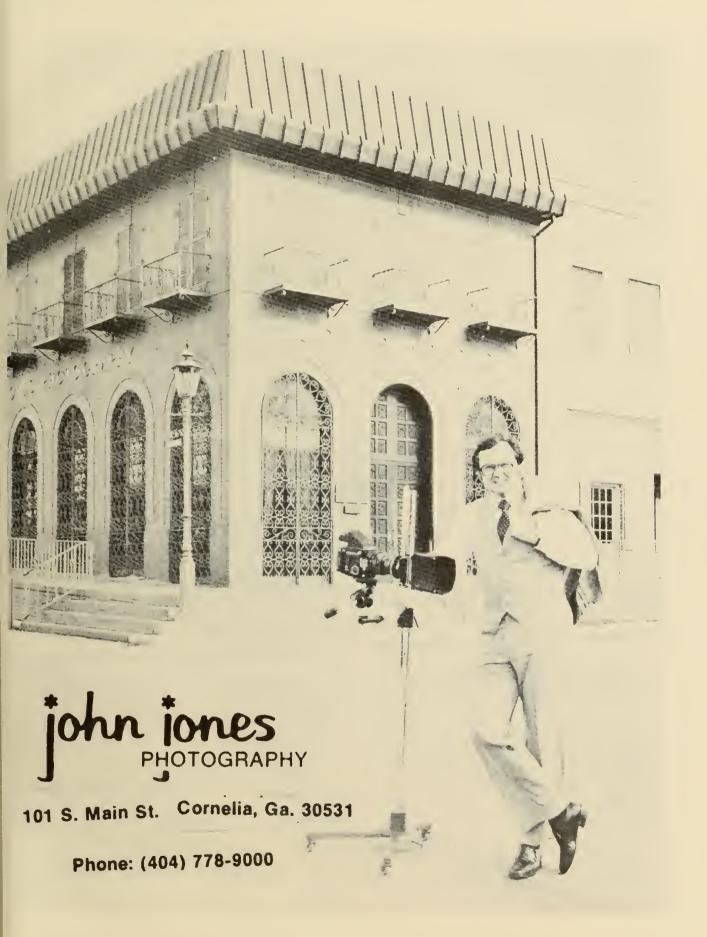
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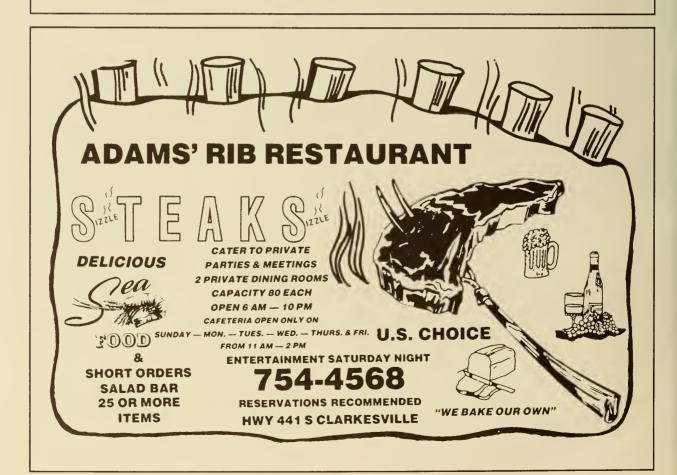


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